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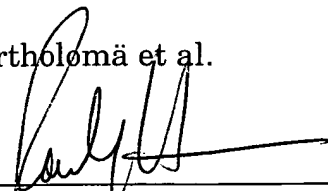
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DE 199 24 209 A was cited as Category A in the International Search Report, copy enclosed, in the corresponding International Application. DE 199 51 455 C1, DE 198 36 631 C2, DE 101 11 699 A1, and DE 100 22 547 A1 were all cited in the search report for the German priority application 202 17 501.4, copy enclosed. U.S. Patent 6,403,884 has been cited in the IDS as the English language equivalent of DE 199 51 455 C1. DE 198 36 631 C2, in particular Figure 7 and Figure 9, element 20, was cited as Category Y with respect to claims 9, 10, 14 and 12. DE 101 11 669 A1, in particular claim 6, lines 4-14, was cited Category Y with respect to claims 1-4, 6 and 11, DE 100 22 547 A1 was cited as Category A.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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